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TOPIC Welzow Airfield

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EVALUATION See below

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1. On 16 January 1951, there was intensive activity at the construction site of the Welzow (N 52/A 44) airfield. A standard gauge spur track was being built from the Welzow railroad station to the field. More than 200 acres of woods were being cleared. A large temporary building was used as a first aid station for the construction workers. \* Other construction projects could not be identified.

2.  said that approximately 2,000 men were to be employed for construction in Welzow. The project was to be completed by the end of 1951. \*\* He also stated that the workers were to get a high pay, a category I ration card, and two warm meals with meat every day.

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3. 10 aircraft were seen on the Welzow airfield on 16 January, between 1 and 3 p.m. It appeared that the barracks buildings were not occupied. About 150 to 170 laborers were laying a standard gauge spur track from the Welzow railroad station to the southwestern corner of the field. \* A strip of track, approximately 200 meters long, was completed. No construction was being done on the landing field. The drilling for subsoil water was stopped, and the holes which were made were filled in. No construction equipment was stored at the Welzow freight station.  a large runway also was to be built. \*\* The construction of the runway will probably start after the completion of the spur track.

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\*  Comment. The information that a spur track was being constructed and the clearing of a strip of woods was previously reported

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To date, there was no railroad siding to the Welzow airfield.

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\*\*  Comment. The intended improvement of the airfield was previously reported

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the completion of the scheduled expansion work is reported for the first time.  excavating has not started but construction will probably start at the end of winter.

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